

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 750

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A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of D. Bruce Shine.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the passing of D. Bruce Shine; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Shine was an exemplary public servant and consummate professional who worked assiduously to improve the quality of life for his fellow citizens in numerous capacities; and

WHEREAS, Bruce Shine served with acumen and alacrity as a nationally recognized labor and employment attorney, legal scholar, and civic leader, in which positions he earned the respect of his peers and superiors alike for the exemplary quality of his work; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Shine earned his Bachelor of Science degree in business administration in 1960 from Tusculum College; he received a Doctor of Jurisprudence degree from Vanderbilt University School of Law in 1964 and attended Columbia University School of Graduate Legal Studies; and

WHEREAS, Bruce Shine was awarded a Master of Laws degree from the University of Leicester in the United Kingdom and was awarded an honorary degree of Doctor of Laws by Tusculum College; and

WHEREAS, licensed to practice law in Tennessee, New York, and the District of Columbia, Mr. Shine chose to begin practicing in Kingsport, Tennessee, in 1967 when he joined the law firm McLellan Thatcher and Donahue of Washington and Kingsport; and

WHEREAS, only two years later, in 1969, Mr. Shine started his own law firm, Ferguson & Shine, in Kingsport with Shelburne Ferguson, Jr.; later, he became a partner at Shine & Rowlett with Rodney B. Rowlett III; and

WHEREAS, Bruce Shine was published in numerous legal and academic journals, and he lectured throughout the United States and Europe on labor law issues; and

WHEREAS, in 2004, Mr. Shine was named the Republic of Malta's Honorary Consul with jurisdiction over Tennessee and North Carolina, and he held diplomatic rank recognized by the United States State Department; and

WHEREAS, in addition to this admirable career, Bruce Shine was a visiting (teaching) fellow at the International Maritime Law Institute and an adjunct professor of law at Appalachian School of Law, Grundy Virginia; he was also a fellow of the Tennessee Bar Foundation and the American Bar Foundation; and

WHEREAS, Bruce Shine spent much of his esteemed career serving on a number of boards and commissions to which he was appointed by Governors Buford Ellington, Ray Blanton, and Phil Bredesen, including the Tennessee Arts Commission, Tennessee Commission on Aging, and the Tennessee Film, Entertainment and Music Commission; and

WHEREAS, in 1996, the Justices of the Tennessee Supreme Court appointed Mr. Shine a member of their Alternative Dispute Resolution Commission, and he served as the Commission's chair for a two-year term; and

WHEREAS, by appointment of the mayor and Board of Alderman, Bruce Shine also served on the Kingsport Public Arts Committee, as chairman of the Kingsport Senior Center Advisory Council, president of Kingsport Girls Club, Kingsport Symphony, vice chairman of the Kingsport Library Commission, and vice president of the Tennessee Men's Health Network; and

WHEREAS, for many years, Mr. Shine was also a bi-weekly contributor to the *Kingsport Times News*, writing a column on its editorial page on a broad range of subjects; and

WHEREAS, formerly a communicant of the Church of the Good Shepherd, Anglican Catholic Church, Bruce Shine served faithfully for many years as chancellor of the Diocese of the Mid-Atlantic States; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Shine was deeply devoted to his family, and he always endeavored to remain true to family values of the highest order; and

WHEREAS, Bruce Shine enjoyed the loving companionship of his wife, Elizabeth (Betsy) Magoffin; he was the proud father of James Vincent Shine, Commander Edward Magoffin

Shine, and David Bruce Shine, Jr., and the loving grandfather of Oliva Hetz Shine, Cleo Elizabeth Shine, Colin Shine, and Dylan Shine; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Shine leaves behind an indelible legacy of integrity and probity in public life, compassion and loyalty in private life, and diligence and dedication in all his chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to remember the bountiful life of this exceptional public servant and human being; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED TWELFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we honor the memory of D. Bruce Shine, reflecting fondly upon his impeccable character and his stalwart commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we express our sympathy and offer our condolences to the family of Mr. Shine.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy and upon proper request made to the appropriate clerk, the language appearing immediately following the State seal appear without House or Senate designation.